

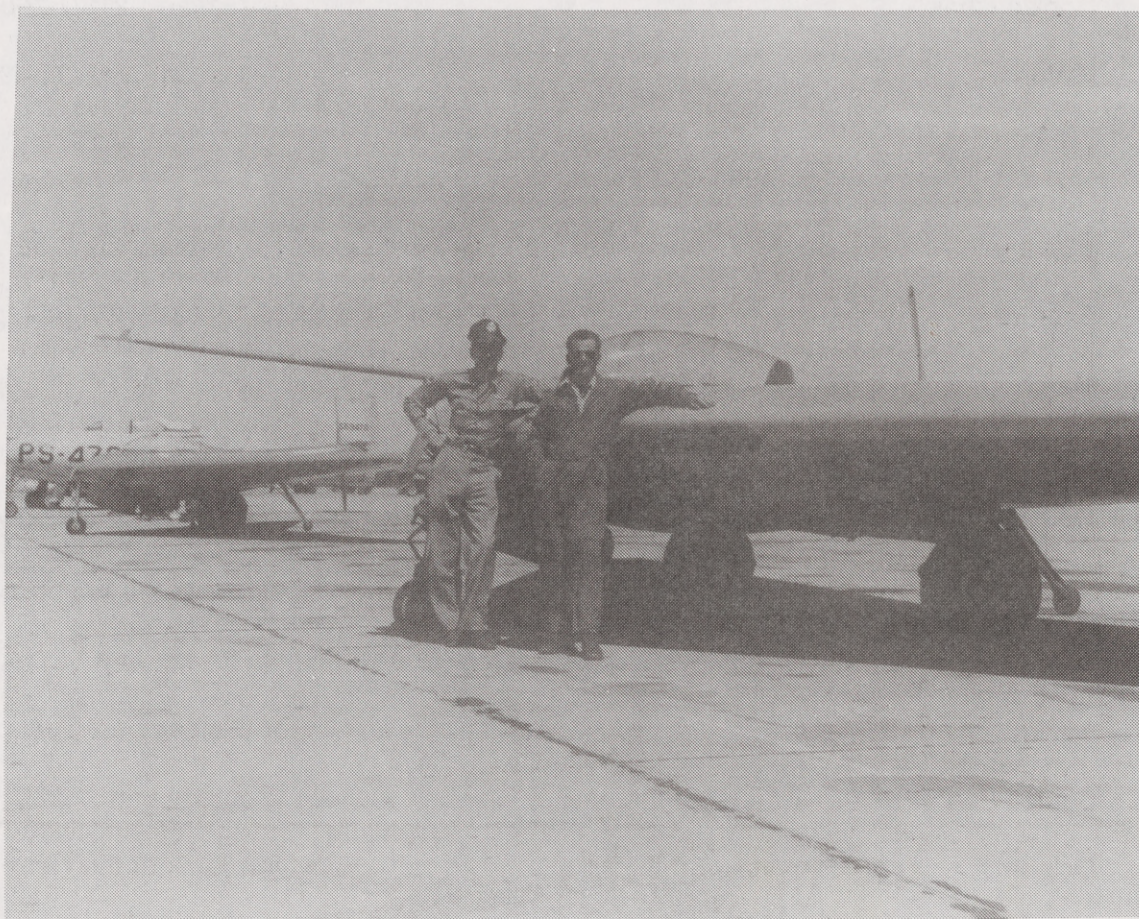
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Northrop N9-M. This was taken in July of 1947. In the background is the 2nd XP-84 built. The location of the photograph is Muroc Army Air Field. Photo from the file of the editor. Ed I will send you a copy, I promise.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Our March meeting was a departure from things strictly aircraft, and in such an unusual way! Jean Armstrong presented us with a very fun meeting, including color slides, photographs, and a Zerox copy of her scrapbook. As one member stated, it was most enjoyable because of its content, and also because Jean is so charming. Thank you Jean, and thank you and Don in advance for hosting our Pot Luck this month as well. Remember to call Jean and let her know what you will be bringing, and we'll see you there.

CURRENT EVENTS

Connie has already mentioned the event for the month, a Pot Luck at the Armstrong's. If you missed the one last year you don't know what you missed. This is a really great event and one that you want to attend for sure. Please call Don or Jean to let them know what you will bring. The phone number is 818/243-9034. Remember the date, April 30 at 4:00 p.m. I am including a map for your convenience.

MEMORIAL FOR P.H. SPENCER

A second Memorial Service was held for P.H. "Spence" Spencer on Mar 26 at Whitman Airport. His good friend and business partner in the Spencer Air Car, Dale "Andy" Anderson held the gathering at Marc and Royan Herman's hangar. Spence himself asked for a service at the airport. Andy showed slides of many of the airplanes in Spence's life and gave a short history of his early flying, the designing of the SeaBee and of the Spencer Air Car. And of course there was a SeaBee on display and also doing a flyby. (Connie Clark)

SCRAPBOOK

A big thanks to Don Johnson for leading us to our scrapbook with the wooden covers. It has been found, and we should be receiving it shortly. (Connie Clark)

IMAX

Destiny In Space is showing at the time this is being written, at the IMAX Theater near the L.A. Coliseum. This is an incredible movie - showing the Space Shuttle out in space as if being filmed by a second space ship. It also shows the work done in space on the Hubble Space Telescope, among other interesting outer space happenings. You might want to call to see if it is still on - however, they stay for quite a while. 213/744-2014. (Connie Clark).

FROM THE EDITOR

No you have not gone mad (maybe I have though). I have been thinking for a long time about changing the layout of the letter. There are several reasons for this idea. First, (not to be a copier) many of the letters I get are in this format. Secondly, I have talked to the printer and he says this format should reduce the cost of printing a little. Thirdly, I can get larger pictures into the letter without cropping off possible important or valuable portions. Also, notice that after each section above, I have given credit to the person submitting it. This is a lot cleaner than the way I was doing it. **As I said, I have not discussed this with anyone. If any person feels that this is not a good format, let me know. In fact, let me know either way. This is your letter.**

Included in this letter is a coupon for ordering a copy of Mal Stratford's memoirs. Order a copy, Mal gave me one several years ago and it is wonderful. Also, the

proceeds are for a good cause.

I have been asked from time to time if I could print a listing of the aviation events going on in the local area. In this issue I have listed some that I have found in the journals and publications I have access to. I am sure many will be left out, this is not intentional, as like you I can only read so many papers and magazines. I will try and continue this however.

Dues are still coming in at a steady pace, remember to check your mailing label for your expiration date. Also, let's not forget to recruit new members. Maybe we could have a contest, the person bringing in the most new members this year gets a free year membership. What do you think?

I am still receiving letters etc. regarding Leo Gay, and am in possession of earlier articles and letters. As I mentioned in the letter, we want to put this in a book form, if anyone is interested in doing the work of consolidating it, let me know.

SANTA YNEZ

This is such an important event that it needs to have special mention. Many people have volunteered to work in order to have this event one that would please Leo. In fact, many are already working to see that it does happen. I am including in this letter the names and phone numbers of several motels in the Santa Ynez, Solvang area. In order to get special rates you need to tell then you are with VAA.

King Frederik Inn 805/688-5515

Sanja Cota 805/688-5525

Santa Ynez Valley Inn 805/688-1000

You should call as soon as possible because the motels in the area are usually filled during the summer months. Remember the dates, July 14, 15, and 16. Included in this letter is the registration form for the 1995 Wings & Wheels event.

COMING EVENTS

Our event for May will be a general meeting at Glendale College May 19 at 7:30 p.m. At the present time I am trying to get Jan Wood a friend of mine and a former WWII ferry pilot to talk to us. Those of you that know Jan know that she is a witty, interesting person. Let's hope she is available as I know you will truly find her enjoyable. Don't forget the date and time.

NEW MEMBER

The introduction of a new member is always a pleasure. Our newest member is: George Ausherman. George and his wife Ivetta live in Glendale. He works for the City of Los Angeles and has been a Private Pilot since 1987. George and his wife just sold a 1979 Piper Worrier II. Glad to have you with us.

LOCAL AIR SHOWS AND EVENTS

May 6-7, Central Valley Lemoore Airshow, Lemoore, CA.

May 19, Gathering of Luscombes, Columbia, CA.

May 20, Corning Antique Fly-In, Corning, CA.

May 26-28, West Coast Antique Fly-In, Watsonville, CA.

June 2, Merced Antique Fly-In, Merced, CA.

June 4, Estrella Warbirds Air Show, Paso Robles, CA.

I will try to up-date this monthly. I know most of you know of the big shows, and most know of these - anyway.

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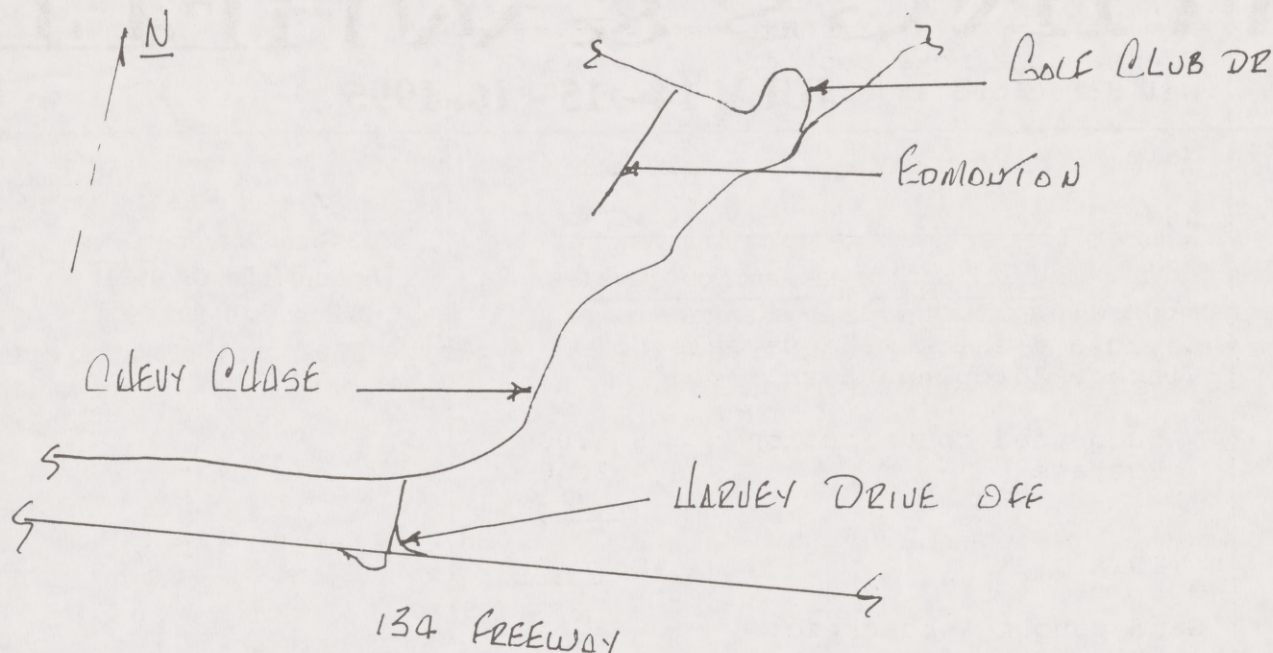
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Ceci Stratford
425 South Bel Aire Drive
Burbank, CA 91501-1501

Or pick up a copy from Ceci at the CAF hangar or at our next meeting. After expenses, all proceeds will be donated to the **Southern California Wing, Confederate Air Force.** You may contribute more than the \$5 suggested contribution.

Order early, as supplies are limited.
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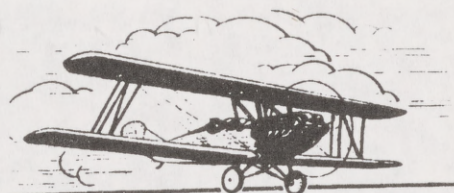
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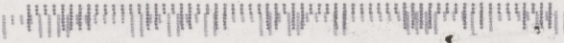
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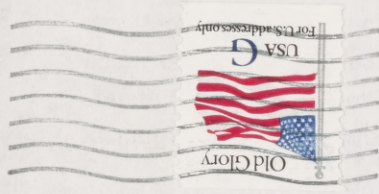
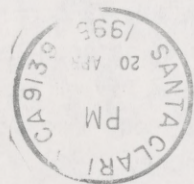
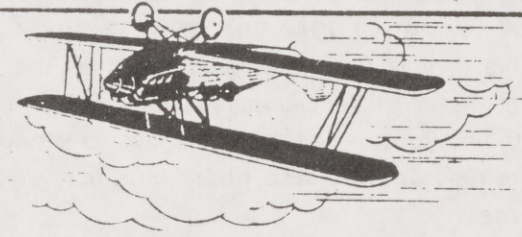
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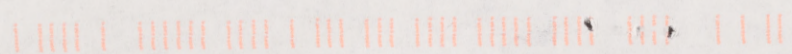
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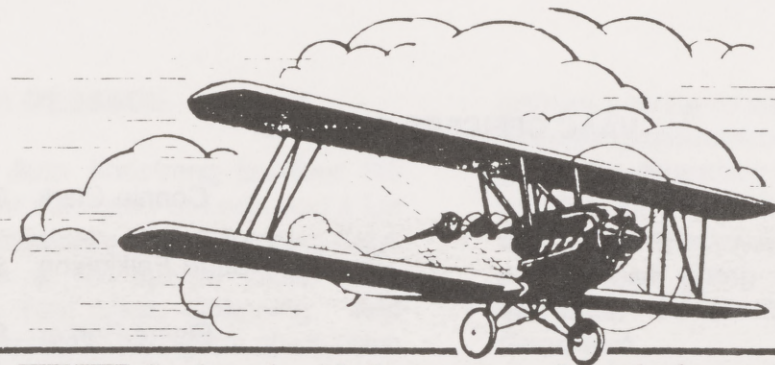
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Don and Jean Armstrong provided the setting for our April Pot-Luck, and a fun one it was. Especially since Channing Clark shared some of his special jokes. We always enjoy your jokes, Channing. And "Chappy" Czapiewski brought a short video of the Stealth Fighter. Don Noonan had a story to tell the group that I thought I'd relate to you even if it does involve my Hubby. Almost a year ago, Ed found a diamond ring, Don was cleaning the engine in a friends Tiger Moth and loosened a piece of rolled up paper in the process. He wondered what it was, but continued cleaning the engine. Just as he was going to throw it away, he decided to check it out first. Yes, of course, it was the diamond ring. And how did Don know who it belonged to? It was wrapped up in a receipt from Hawthorne Airport made out to Ed Clark. But before all of you Moth owners run out and inspect your engines that Ed has worked on, I want you to know that he hasn't lost any more diamond rings. Oh yes, it was just my size. And thank you so much, Don and Jean for such a fun party.

CURRENT EVENTS

As I stated in the last issue, I had hoped to have Jan Wood as our speaker May 19. Unfortunately she can not make it. Instead, we will have Col. "Andy" Anderson. He will show slides and talk about the early days of "Spence" Spencer. Many of you have seen this presentation and have told me you truly enjoyed it and would like to see it again. Thanks Andy for obliging me at such short notice. I for one always enjoy seeing and hearing you. You certainly don't want to miss this meeting. Mark your calendars for May 19 at 7:30 p.m. at Glendale College.

Since I no longer work at Glendale College I am not always in on the latest happenings. But I have noticed the main

entrance being closed this past week due to major construction. If you find it closed go on up Mountain St. to the main large parking lot and turn in there. Wind your way to the Northwest corner and you will see a road going down to the normal entrance. Follow it to the AA building. Good luck.

FROM THE EDITOR

I will start out wearing my Treasurers hat and thank all of you that have sent your dues in on time. For those of you that are still behind, please remit as soon as possible. We need your dues more than ever since our membership has declined in the past several years. Speaking of members, we all need to try and bring people in to our group that may be interested in old aircraft, cars, etc. I know, I must sound like a broken record - oh well.

For those of you that have been at the General Meetings you know that the speakers are generally covered for this year. However, if you know of someone that would be of interest, please let Connie or me know.

Santa Ynez is such an important event to so many of us that I feel I must plug it again and again. Also, here are the phone numbers of the Motels in the area. You should make reservations early. Tell them you are with Wings and Wheels for a possible discount.

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More about Wings and Wheels in this letter.

The cover picture this month is one of mine. Some time ago I found a lady that had eight original International News Photos of Lindbergh and the Sirius. I could not resist buying them. This one was taken June 30, 1931 at College Point, Long Island, New

York. The caption on the back says it is the first serious flight of the remodeled Lockheed Sirius. Thought you might enjoy it and I will print more later.

SANTA YNEZ

Since this is the first time that Keith Smith will be doing the registration for Wings and Wheels, I hope everyone will send in their registration as soon as possible. Lets give him as much time as possible to do all the work involved. And please use the form in the newsletter.

I'm not sure what the badges will be this year, as June still has not been able to find Leo's supply of badges. But we will have badges!

Several of us have attended a play in Solvang on Friday night of Santa Ynez weekend. This year the play will be "To Kill a Mockingbird". The performance begins at 8:30, and the tickets are \$18.00 each, plus a \$3.00 Service Charge. If several people order under one name, it is only one \$3.00 charge. The phone number for tickets is 800/549-7272. This is an outdoor theater, so dress warm. They have blankets for rent for a dollar or two. (Ask for the theater in Solvang.)

For those of you that have asked and expressed concern about transportation at Santa Ynez, we will definitely have the shuttle bus. (Connie Clark)

MAL STRATFORD'S MEMOIRS STILL AVAILABLE.

Ceci tells me she has had a wonderful response for Mal's Memoirs. If you would like a copy, please use the coupon in this newsletter to order. All proceeds will go to the Southern California Wing of the Confederate Air Force. This was one of Mal's special groups.

TORRANCE AND CAMARILLO TO FEATURE WWII AIRCRAFT

Torrance (Zamperini Field) will feature the only fully restored and flying B-24 and a B-17 in a Salute to Veterans Tour, May 19-21. The aircraft will be at the General Aviation Center. Call 1-800-GO B-2499 for more information.

In recognition of the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, the Confederate Air Force has scheduled the only remaining flying B-29 (Fifi) as well as the B-24 and many other types of aircraft at Camarillo airport from June 12th to the 18th. In addition they will also have Frank Umbro and his Swinging Sextet to provide live entertainment. For more information call Edward Thomas at 805/482-0064 or Russ Drosendahl at 805/888-1679.

On June 17 and 18 EAA Chapter 723 will host their 15th Annual Fly-In. This is really a great event. Those that have attended say it gets better each year and this year is going to be bigger than ever.

COMING EVENTS

Our event for the month of June will be a Pot-Luck at the Fosselman's on June 25 at 5:00. I can taste all of the goodies now and especially the ice cream. Please take note of this and block out that day.

BADGES

If you don't have a badge, the Sergeant-at-Arms will get you. You may order them for \$5.00 each from:

Dick Beagle
1417 N. Tower
Santa Ana, CA 92706

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Field

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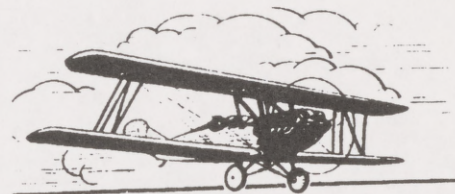
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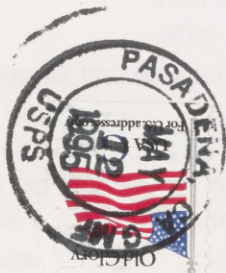
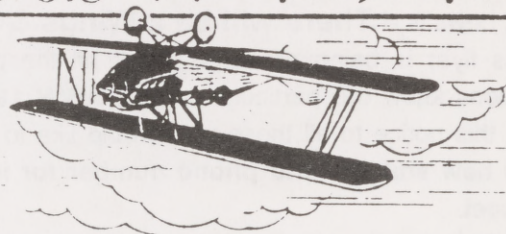
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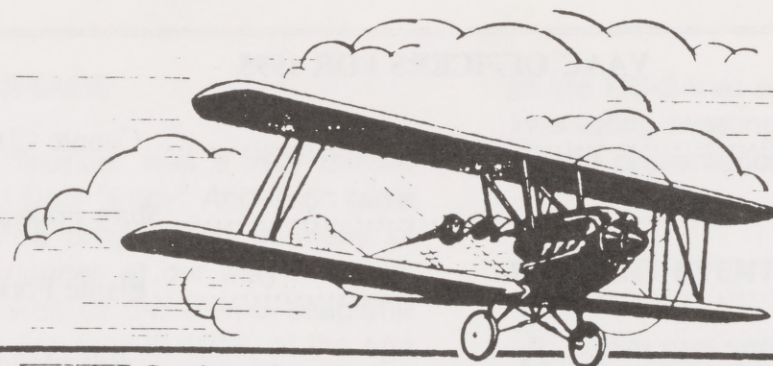
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P.H. "Spence" Spencer was a very unique individual, and Dale "Andy" Anderson gave us a wonderful slide program about many of Spences life experiences at our May meeting. Andy's first slide was of the towed seaplane glider that Spence first flew in 1913, at the age of 14. That same year he acquired a Seaplane with an engine, although it wasn't much of an engine. It had flakes of aluminum coming out of the exhaust! But that wasn't his only problem - the control stick came off in his hands on take off. When he did fly the Seaplane after repairs, he realized he didn't know how to turn, so he landed on the river, turned around, took off and flew back again. Remember, Spence was teaching himself how to fly back in those early years.

Converting the Seaplane to a land plane after having problems landing on the water, he tried to land on a race track. Things didn't go just as he planned, and the airplane ended up standing straight up on its wing tip. Pilots didn't strap in in those days, feeling it was safer to get thrown out, which Spence was! Right into a pile of manure and straw. He got his head out just in time to see the position of the aircraft and watch it fall gently back onto its wheels. Fortunately there was little damage, and after repairs Spence took off again to fly the plane to a tobacco barn for storage. Just over a greenhouse, the engine quit and Spence could see the magneto hanging loose held on by a spark plug wire. He landed safely in a park, but again after repairs, the next landing was not so lucky. He landed down wind, went into a ditch and Spence was thrown into a cornfield. The aircraft was totaled. Oh the joys of flying in 1913.

Spence had also been an Airport Manager, a test pilot for P-47's, designed several aircraft, including the Spencer Air Car, and of course did much of the design work on the SeaBee. It was great seeing slides of Spence's original aircraft which led to the original RC-1 SeaBee, and then

to the RC-3 that went into production. A most interesting meeting Andy. Thank you so much for the presentation.

CURRENT EVENTS

As you can see by looking at the Calendar of Events, we will be having a Pot Luck at the Fosselman's on June 25, at 5:00 p.m. Every year when we have this event I tell those of you that have not attended, that you will be missing one great Pot Luck. Those that have been there will vouch for what I say, if you miss this one, shame on you. Kay tells me they will be serving French Dip sandwiches. However, you should call Jim and Kay to tell them what you are bringing (or to find out what they need). The phone number is 818/284-8642. The address is 520 Alahmar St., Alhambra.

FROM THE EDITOR

The dues are coming in steadily now and most of you have caught up. Please look at your mailing label and see if you are late or really behind. We need you, we need your support. Does this sound familiar?

There has been much action in the aviation world in the past few weeks. I am sure that most of you know of the death of Steve Whitman. He was killed in the break-up of his aircraft going home from Florida. The aviation community truly will miss him and his input.

Also, Bill Davis of Apple Valley died in the April 22 crash of his PT-22 while returning home from the Cable Air Fair. This is another "Giant" that will sorely be missed. Our prayers and thoughts are with the families of these gentleman.

As many of you know, Darryl Greenamyre, Ascher Ward and Tom Hess had invested over a million dollars in recovering the B-29 Kee-Bird that had landed in Greenland in 1947. This

wonderful dream came to an end with the total destruction of the airplane several weeks ago. Apparently the APU caught fire and the aircraft was destroyed in just a few minutes. This leaves the CAF "FIFI" as the only flying B-29. What a shame!

Now for some really serious stuff (at least for me). The Champlin Fighter Museum has been sold. It is possible that the museum will be moved, possible locations are Scottsdale, Las Vegas, or Portland. There is a possibility (small but possible) that the aircraft will be moved overseas and incorporated into some form of a full entertainment center. I don't know who to write to at this time but I for one will write a letter at least to the Champlin Museum protesting any sort of movement overseas. As soon as I find out who to write to I will publish it for those of you that are interested. I for one get sick and tired of "Bean Counters" buying these sorts of things and then creating a monster. What in the world do we want to do with American aircraft displayed in some kind of an overseas theme park? Sorry for the rambling but this makes my blood boil. How about you Sid, John Madison, Jim Fosselman, Ed Clark and all of the rest of you WWII vets?

There will soon be a new cable channel devoted to aviation. "Wingspan" will ultimately broadcast 18 hours a day, featuring a mix of news, documentary, and educational programs. Special emphasis will be given to general, commercial, and military aviation with insightful programs on flying in all aspects from ultralights to wide-bodies to stealth bombers to building the space station. The principal backer for this Channel is The Network Group, a firm that for the past eight years produced most of the highly rated WINGS programs on the Discovery Channel, along with many other aviation series. The Network Group has one of the world's largest collections of international footage on flight and aviation subjects. They already have five new major series ready for the launch of the new channel.

In the June issue of Southwest Aviation Report on page 6 is a really wonderful article about Mal and Ceci Stratford. It is written by a high school mate of Mal's, Arnold Moselle a B-17 pilot in WWII. His actual purpose was to cover the Ninety-Nines, the history, the purpose, and specifically the meeting hosted by the Santa Paula Chapter at the Holiday Inn on the beach at Ventura. I know that several of our members attended this meeting the theme of which was "Wings Across the Waves". At any rate, if you can get a copy of this issue, the article about Mal and Ceci is well worth reading. (I will bring my copy to the Pot Luck for those that would like to read it).

There are so many aviation events in the area in the next several months that one can hardly keep up with them. One of the most exciting will be "Freedom Flight America". This event will commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the end of WWII. I am sorry that I don't have more complete information but I do have phone numbers and a general outline. First let me tell you what I know about Freedom Flight America. Long Beach Airport will be the kick-off site for the flight. It will take place on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 28, 29, 30 with the display of a variety of WWII aircraft. On Monday July 31 they will depart on a multi-stop cross-country flight ending with a massive aerial armada fly-by of the Statue of Liberty. This event will have many side events such as a dinner dance on the Queen Mary on Saturday, July 29. In fact the total event is being called the "Grey Ghost Summer". There is a possibility that the VAA can display aircraft at Long Beach. The contact phone numbers are: 310/499-1718 for the Queen Mary dinner-dance, 310/499-1646 for fly-in information, another contact number is 310/570-2678. Ask them about "Freedom Flight America".

SANTA YNEZ

This year at Wings and Wheels we are going to try something a little different, as we are

still finding our way in putting this together without Leo. Every car owner and passengers will be given a ticket good for an airplane ride. We are trying to find out how many rides each pilot gives so we can balance the cars with the aircraft. So pilots, save those tickets and turn them in. We will let you know where to turn them in when we work it out. This doesn't mean of course that you can't give a ride without a ticket if you want to, but it should also help to insure that everyone entitled to a ride gets one. Thanks for helping us out with this.

Get your reservations in to Keith Smith as soon as possible. Remember, this is his first time to handle all this. Many reservations have already come in and I'm sure it will be just as much fun as ever. (Connie Clark)

For those of you that have not made your reservations for Wings and Wheels yet, please do so as soon as possible. Also, here are the phone numbers of motels in the area that may still have room. Tell them you are with Wings and Wheels.

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HAWTHORNE AIR FAIRE IN JEOPARDY

Leo Gay was also very active in putting on the Hawthorne Air Faire. Due to the City's financial situation, this will most likely be the last one held, and it will be dedicated to Leo. The date has been changed this year to August 19th and 20th. Also, this year, you are invited to the BBQ held on the airport on Friday evening. This has been reserved for those bringing in airplanes and their guests in the past. This is a very special event - and crowded - because of the aircraft that arrive that evening. This year the Navy will be bringing in several of its carrier planes, which will land complete with a cable for arrested landings. There will also be a Victory Flight again this year, with bombers and fighters flying over all of the major airports in this area.

Tom Quintana is facing similar problems as we are without Leo, and although our antique aircraft are invited again this year, he needs to know who is coming as space is limited. We should be hearing from him soon as how to do this. Again, due to the financial straits of the city, banquet tickets will not be given to pilots this year. (Connie Clark)

COMING EVENTS

I don't think I have to remind anyone of the July event, **WINGS AND WHEELS**. As has been said, get your registration in to Keith Smith ASAP. Remember, this is the biggest event of the year for us. Please support it and we hope to see you at Santa Ynez, July 14, 15, and 16.

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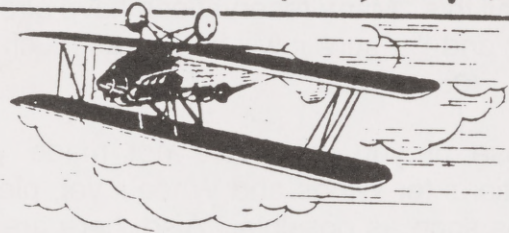
The cover picture this month is another one of the Lindbergh photos that I purchased several years ago. The International News Photo caption on this one reads: "North Beach Airport, N.Y. The speedy low-wing monoplane of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh lying in the harbor here after flying from College Point this morning, July 9th. Colonel Lindbergh piloted the ship here to have the plane's compass adjusted for the flight to Greenland which is expected to start today, July 9th." 7/9/33.

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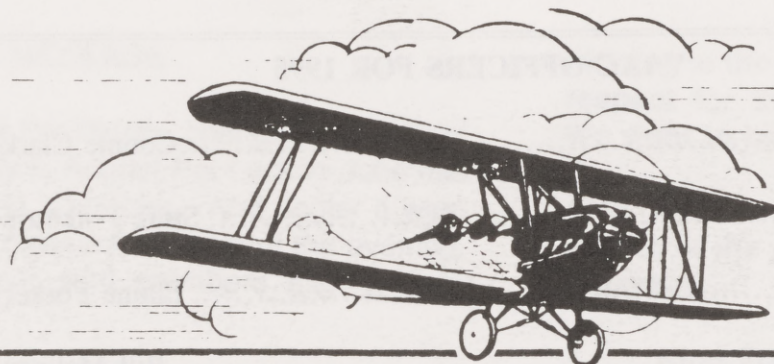
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Jim and Kay Fossleman changed the date of their usually in August Pot Luck to June this year so it would be cooler. And cooler it was. Although very pleasant for most of the evening, the June Gloom sent members after jackets later on.

Everything was just wonderful as ever, with Jim making French Dip Sandwiches for all. Jim and Kay also served dessert of course. There were several yummy flavors of ice cream, but the Peppermint Stick with a little chocolate on top was divine. The Fosselman's make wonderful ice cream!

One funny aspect of the evening was that those who were on time all brought cookies for dessert, and those of us who were late had all the appetizers!

There was lots of talk about Santa Ynez and who was staying where, and the good places to eat up there. Thanks Jim and Kay for such a wonderful evening.

CURRENT EVENTS

Time to Wings and Wheels is rapidly approaching. Remember the dates, July 14, 15, and 16. Call Keith Smith to make reservations. His phone number is 818/991-9936. We need reservations in by July 7 so the EAA chapter at Santa Ynez can order the food. However, since this letter is going out over the July 4 holiday, the EAA may allow you to register a little late. I would suggest you call Keith to find out if this is possible. Also, don't forget the play Friday night in Solvang. You may still be able to get tickets to "To Kill a Mockingbird" by calling 800/549-7272. The price is \$18.00 per ticket with a \$3.00 service charge. (The charge is for one or a hundred tickets). For those of you flying in, I have included a map of the Santa Ynez area. Remember, there is a lot of animal

farming in the vicinity. Fly carefully and with respect for the residents and the animals. We want to be invited back.

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We hope to see you all in Santa Ynez for a most enjoyable three days.

FROM THE EDITOR

After each social event I say to myself, "This is the best one yet". Jim and Kay, this is the best one yet, and each one will get better. What do I judge my best one yet on? The food is important of course, but more than anything else, I look forward to chatting with friends, learning new things, and just enjoying a good time with fellow members. For those of you that have not made one of our events, I beg you to try and attend the next one.

At the Fosselman's, the question came up about how many Lockheed Sirius aircraft were built. Mel and Bob, I looked it up and my publication says 14 plus one made by The Detroit Aircraft Company. I sure didn't think it was that many. Of course the first was for Lindbergh.

For those of us that enjoy Andy Rooney, may I suggest his new book "My War". It is about his days in WWII when he was a reporter for the Stars and Stripes. The book is informative, interesting, and funny. He dedicates quite a bit of this book to the air war and the Eighth Air Force.

I attended the Camarillo EAA/CAF fly-in and saw some of our members there. Ceci Stratford was baby sitting the CAF C-46, Mel and Dottie Hefflinger were there with the Harlow. I also

saw Dick Alegre and his Duck, and had a brief chat with Elizabeth Dinan. As I was leaving Saturday Bertie Duffy arrived with her Stearman. All in all it was a good show and the weather was great.

Keep the dues coming in. We need your help in order to keep the letter going. It requires almost all of the annual dues for each member just to publish and mail the letter. Check your mailing label for the expiration date. Also, I am making the plea again for material for the letter, photos, articles, etc. Also, I will be at Santa Ynez with my list and applications. I hope to see you at this super event.

DEDICATION AT SANTA YNEZ

Many of you know that we are dedicating a Memorial Plaque to Leo Gay at Santa Ynez Airport. We thought it would be near the airport office, but a better idea has come up. Others at the airport like it so much that they are talking about a Memorial Garden. For this year however, it will be just Leo's Plaque in the grassy area next to the EAA hangar, where we have our Saturday evening BBQ. The dedication will be at 4:45 p.m. just before the Social Hour on Saturday. We are planning a fly-by led by the aircraft that Leo gave so much of his time to - a Tiger Moth. Yes, he also had Gypsy Moth's, but none are flying in the area. As of now, Don Noonan will be flying Dr. Bill Thibault's Tiger, as would you believe, Dr. Bill has to be on call and cannot attend Wings and Wheels. Other Moth's are invited to join in.

Don Noonan will also have to take charge of the Tommy Morse Scout with a Le Rhone Rotary engine. Zona and Jim Appleby will be at Santa Ynez this year and Jim will be starting the engine of the Scout. It is fascinating to see and hear a rotary engine running. (Connie Clark)

PHOTOS AT LOCAL LIBRARY

During the month of July the Burbank Library

at Olive and Glenoaks will be displaying Albert Bresnik's photos of Amelia Earhart. On July 13 at 7:30 p.m. they will host a special program showing Albert's videos. (Ceci Stratford)

COMING EVENTS

Our event for the month of August will be a Pot Luck at Ceci Stratford's on August 13 at 4:00 p.m. Please try and attend. We miss you at these events. More in the next newsletter.

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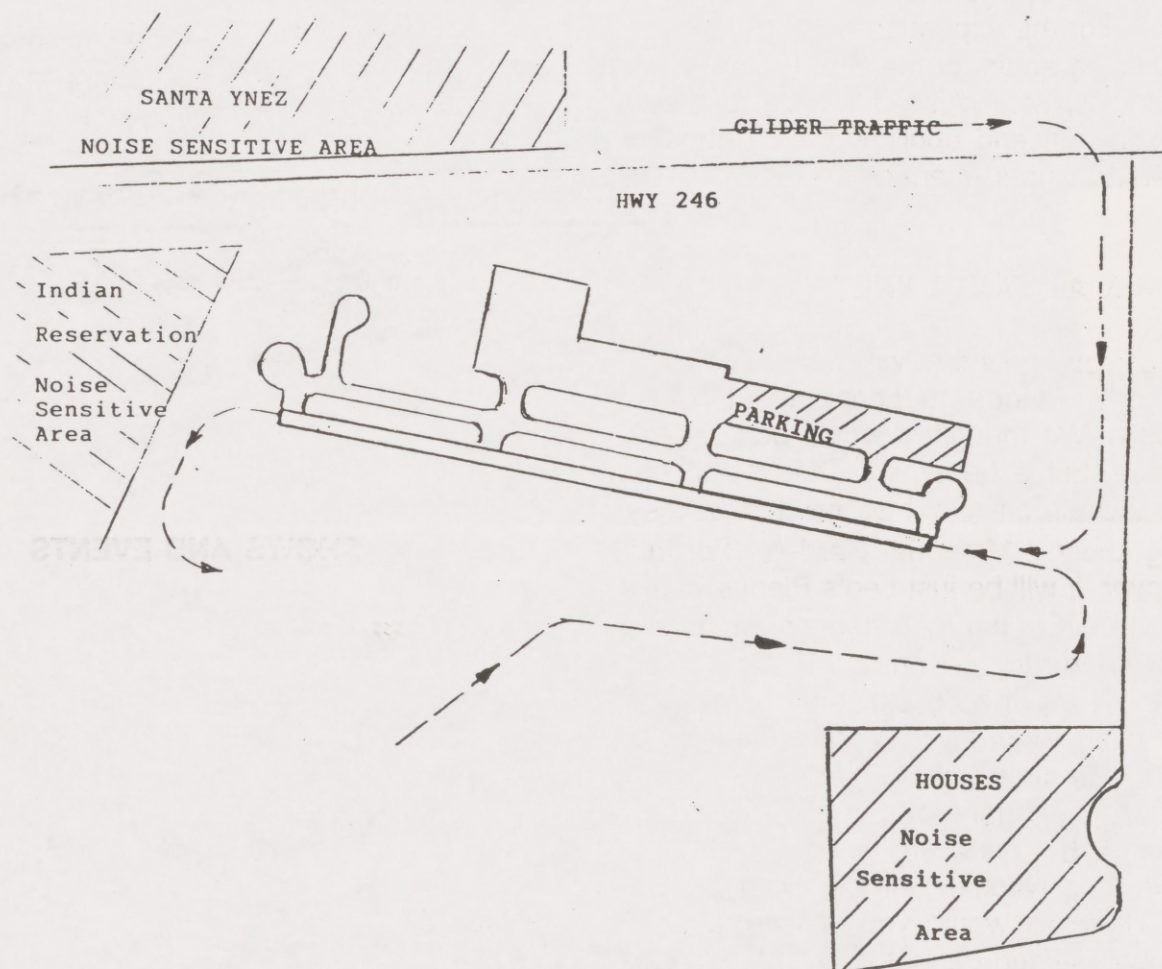
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5 WASPS, The Air Museum, Planes
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11 - 13 Warbird Fly-In, Santa Maria, CA
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CA
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25 -27 West Coast Fairchild Fly-In, Paso
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26 Grass Valley Fly-In, Nevada
County Airport, Grass Valley, CA
26 - 27 NAS Miramar Airshow, San Diego,
CA

Editors Note: I don't want to bore you with Lindbergh pictures. but I had three of them made print ready. This is the last and it shows the aircraft in the Hall of Ocean Life, American Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C. The date is February 1935. Of course we know it is now in the Air and Space Museum at the Smithsonian.



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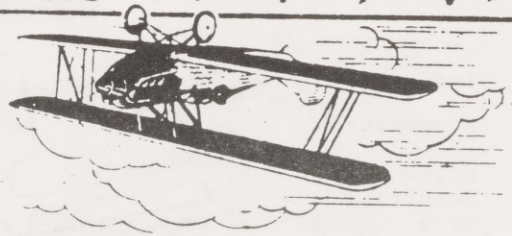
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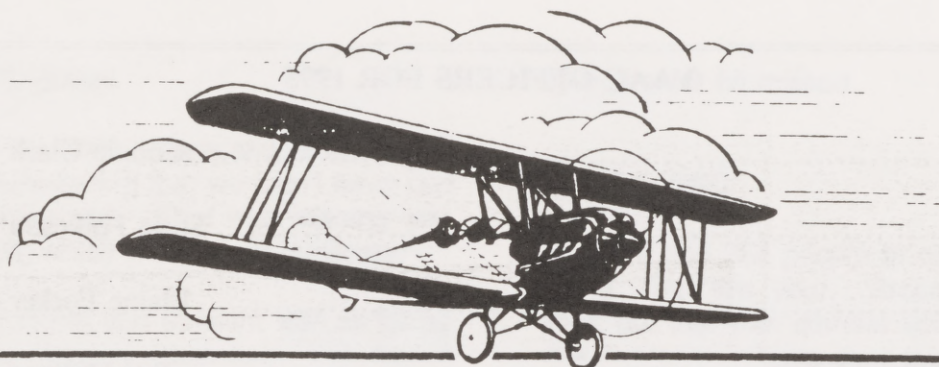
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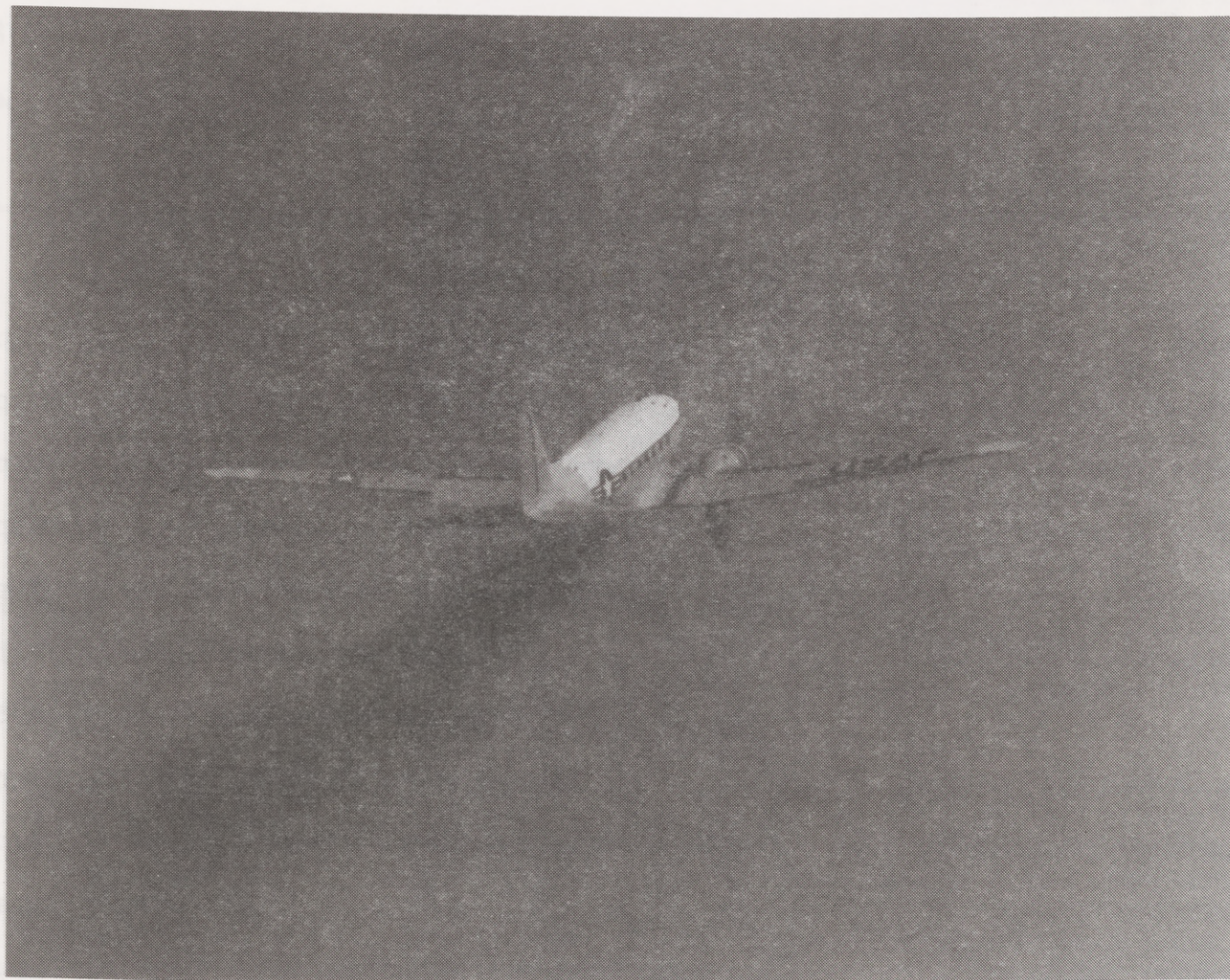
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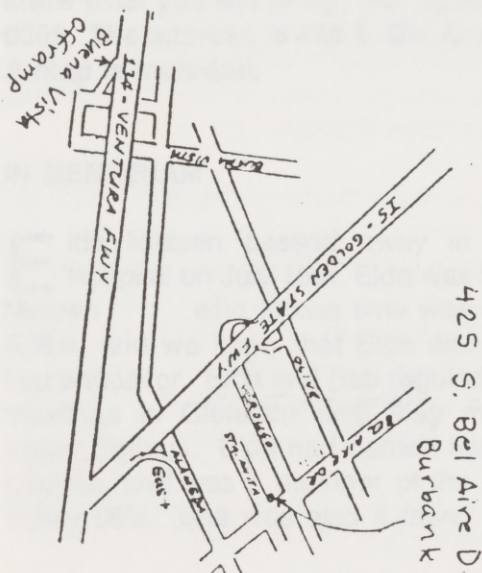
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At her home in Burbank
425 So. Bel Aire Dr.
RSVP to Ceci at (818) 842-0005
Leave a message: how many are
coming & what you're bringing
(Bring a lawn chair, too)



SANTA YNEZ

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We are happy to report that all went well as far as everyone at Santa Ynez is concerned. The Airport has just gotten a new manager, and it was quite wonderful how he so calmly coped with everything, including both the womens and mens rest rooms clogging up!

This month we have both our Pot Luck at Ceci Stratford's, and the Hawthorne Air Faire. Both are most worthwhile events, especially with the F-18 Hornet due to arrive Friday evening at Hawthorne. Be sure to give Ceci a call and let her know what you will be bringing. Hope to see you there.

CURRENT EVENTS

As Connie mentioned in her message, our VAA event for the month is the Pot Luck at Ceci Stratford's. I know I must sound like a broken record (now I guess a CD) when I say, you sure don't want to miss this one before each social event. If I do, forgive me, but the social events are something that you must attempt to make, good food, good drinks, good friends, and most of all good liars. Please look at the schedule of events and set some time aside to attend. The Pot Luck at Ceci's will be Sunday August 13 at 4:00 p.m. Please call her to let her know what you will bring. Her number is 818/842-0005. The address is 425 S. Bel Aire Dr. Burbank. A map is included.

IN MEMORIAM

Elda Nielsen passed away in a Bakersfield Hospital on July 15th. Elda was the wife of Bob Nielsen who at one time was our Newsletter Editor, and we know that Elda also helped out in that endeavor. Elda and Bob regularly attended our meetings in Glendale until they moved to Bear Valley Springs. Elda had earned her Private Pilots License, and was a member of the San Fernando Valley 99's. She was also a friend to many of us

and she will be missed.

SANTA YNEZ

We had 328 people at our Wings and Wheels Tour this year. Probably even more than that, but that was dinners sold. Due to this being the first time we have done this without Leo, we had a lot to learn, and what we did learn is how many people show up at the last minute. We couldn't promise meals to a lot of you, but we did sell some dinner tickets on Saturday evening. I can't tell you what I went through just to get 30 more dinners agreed upon a week before our tour. So I was determined not to go over 330 dinners. Our count was rather sketchy, including no-shows, but we didn't go over our count! Could have sold 2 more. At any rate, there was lots of food left over so we hope things will go better next year. Keith Smith also learned first hand how much work June Gay did for us for so many years during Registration at Santa Ynez. He hopes to be more organized next year now that he knows what goes on, but it would help a lot if everyone would get their registrations in early. Keith said you should register early even if you are not sure you can come. Refunds would be easier than last minute registrations.

The Saturday morning car tour got off just a little late, and going through downtown Solvang was as fun and confusing for the driver as ever. The tour to the Wineries and the scenery along the way was so very nice. Fess Parker's Winery provided a wonderful spot for lunch, with lots of tables and shade. The wine tasting and souvenirs inside were fun. You could buy an autographed bottle of wine with your choice of message - Birthday, Anniversary, etc. - complete with a miniature Davy Crockett Coon Skin Hat on the bottle. I'm sure everyone remembers that Fess Parker played the part of Davy Crockett on TV.

We had a nice turnout for the dedication of Leo's plaque on Saturday. I would like to thank Dick Alegre for the part of the plaque that said "See Ya! Leo Gay". He designed that, and wrote the next line on a plaque that he and the Al Hansons gave to June at Leo's Mojave Memorial. I liked it so much, I asked for permission to copy that part. I'm glad so many of you liked it too. A big thanks also to Austin Pell in Solvang for getting the rock it is mounted on,

and presenting it so nicely. Austin does most of the work on this tour on the Santa Ynez end of things. The fly-by's for the dedication were outstanding, beginning with Don Noonan flying a Tiger Moth that at one time belonged to Leo. Four Stearman followed flown by Mike Walsh, Mac McCauley, Jack Davis and Gene Gast. They flew over in several formations, and each one was quite impressive. (I didn't blame you Don Noonan, for getting out of the way.) Later in the evening Gene Gast did a skywriting "heart" in the sky.

We had a shortage of cars and Military Vehicles this year, as both the Horseless Carriage Club and the Military Vehicles Club were off on National Tours. It has always been our policy to assign rides in the antique cars to pilots who bring aircraft and give rides. Others will be assigned to cars with room permitting and to the Military Vehicles. This year some of you may have had to drive your own cars on Tour. Next year we hope to have these two clubs back with us with room for everyone.

The wind turned around on Sunday bringing turbulence and shortening our flying day. I hope all the car drivers got their flights, but I'm sure many more rides could have been given.

We had a near-miss between two aircraft on Saturday. Fortunately, the passenger in the aircraft about to be landed on top of saw the airplane above them and was able to move out of the way and make a go-around. It seems that this occurred because of the higher aircraft making a short final, and not having or not using, a radio to give positions, and listen to them on Unicom. We know many aircraft do not have electrical systems for a radio, but with as many aircraft as we have flying at Santa Ynez, it would be a good idea to carry a hand held and always report your positions entering and in the pattern. We need to fly with the utmost of care so we can continue having our fun weekend each year.

So all in all, we would call the weekend a lot of fun, and hope to see everyone there again next year. (Connie Clark)

HAWTHORNE AIR FAIRE

The Hawthorne Air Faire was another one of Leo Gay's projects and this year it will be dedicated

to Leo. Remember, due to financial problems with the City of Hawthorne, this may be the last Air Faire held, so be sure to attend.

As always, our Antique Aircraft are invited to attend, space permitting. If you would like to display your aircraft and have not received a registration form as yet, call John Collver at 310/539-3640.

The fun starts on Friday evening with a barbecue and entertainment. This year it will be on the South side of the field and in a perfect location to watch the F-18 Hornet arrive. Well, actually Tom Quintana is still working on this, but they feel sure they will have one or more jet aircraft arriving, possibly even a Harrier. The BBQ is at 6 p.m. If you are bringing in an aircraft you will receive tickets, but for others interested, call Lenora at the Airport Office for tickets at 310/970-7216.

There will of course be many special aircraft on display over the weekend, including an F-5 that the Norwegian Air Force recently brought in to Hawthorne in a C-130. This was in exchange for the N-3PB that Leo Gay was involved in retrieving from Iceland, which was restored and given back to Norway. The Norwegian Crew of the C-130 was entertained by the Western Museum of Flight at the Proud Bird. Several of the crew worked until one in the morning re-assembling the F-5, finishing up the next day.

There will be a Victory Flight on Saturday at 1p.m., which will have 24 aircraft, WWII Bombers, Fighters, and Trainers, that will take off from Hawthorne and fly over LAX and all of the major airports in the area. This year they will also fly over Hawthorne so that we can see them in formation before they land. This mass take-off and landing is certainly a sight to see. There is also a very good chance that there will be a fly-over by a B-2 on Sunday.

Saturday evening is the Banquet and this year it will be held at the Hollywood Park Casino in Inglewood. The Banquet Honorees will be Astronaut Fred Haise, who was on Apollo 13, and Mission Controls Chief Flight Director, Gene Kranz. Gene led the team that worked out the rescue plan that brought Apollo 13 home safely. This banquet is always very inspiring, and I'm sure this one will be quite special.

Call the Hawthorne Chamber of Commerce for

tickets by August 15 at 310/676-1163. Tickets are \$45.00 per person. (Connie Clark). Editors Note: The Air Faire will be August 19 and 20.

FROM THE EDITOR

I really enjoyed Santa Ynez, it was a great and fun weekend. If you didn't make it, you missed a good one. Connie has said it all in her message so I will not say more, except for the play in Solvang. It was a good play, and we found out that "Old Duffers" can get in for \$9.00. Member Gus Garian informed us of this.

When I reported on the members seen at the Camarillo Air Show, I forgot to mention John Madison. Sorry for the omission John, you really were there.

Please, please, look at your mailing labels for the due date of your dues. Many of you are still overdue. Remember, a mere \$10.00 will put you back in the club for one year.

Have you seen Apollo 13. Even though we know how it will end it is still quite an emotional film and one you don't want to miss. There, you have my cultural recommendation for this month. Next, I'll do restaurants, ha!

COMING EVENTS

We will have a general meeting at Glendale College on September 15 at 7:30p.m. We will have an exciting speaker for this meeting. You will have to come to it to find out who it is. See you there.

NEW MEMBERS

We have these new members. I hope to get more information on them for a later letter.

John and Fran Wesson, Santa Ana
Joseph Birmingham, Santa Barbara
Tony Giorgio. Palos Verdes Estates

Welcome, we hope you can attend all or most of our functions. I know you will enjoy them.

BADGES

Available for \$5.00 each from:

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SHOWS AND EVENTS

Grass Valley has been canceled, airport is closed for extensive repair.

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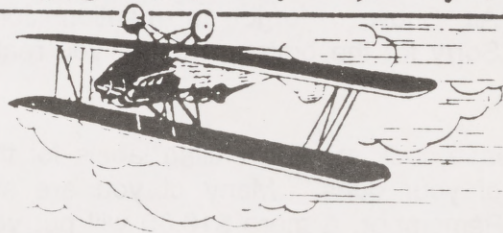
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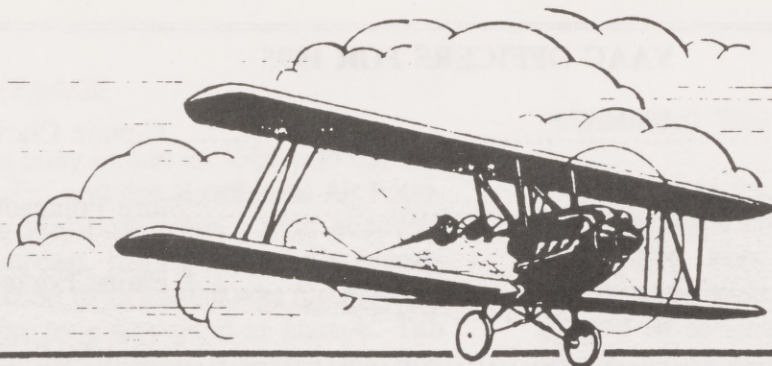
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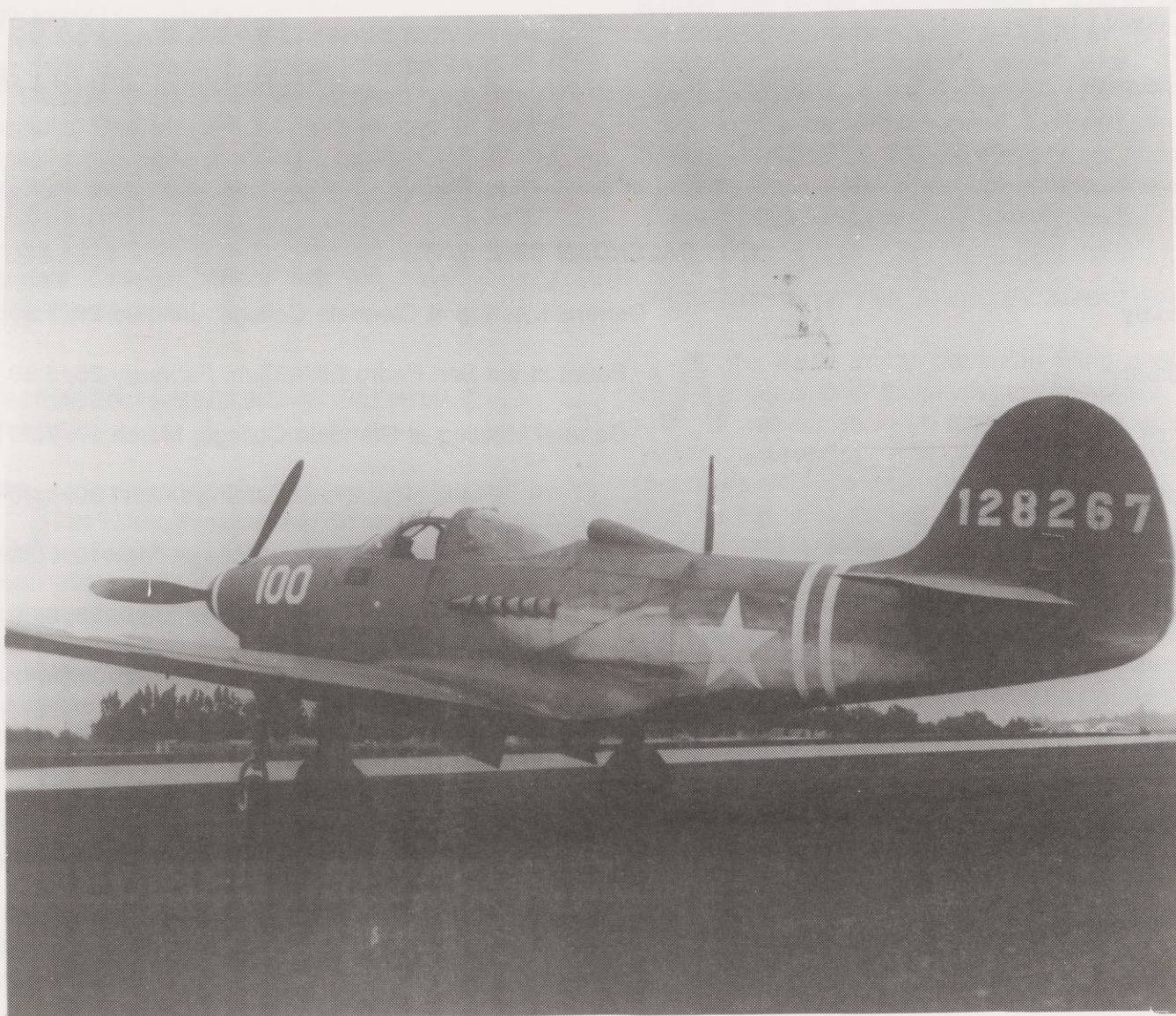
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

August was a busy month for VAA with our Pot Luck at Ceci's, and the Hawthorne Air Faire. I would say that both were a high success. Ceci had quite a crowd, having invited her friends from Whiteman Airport to join us. It was fun meeting new people, and the food was good as always. The weather even cooperated, and it wasn't too hot. Thank you Ceci for a very nice get-together. How else can we see all of our friends when everyone is so busy these days.

Something quite different is being planned for the first weekend in October. Read about "Swimming the DUK". We are also planning on joining forces with the Angeles Antiquers for those who would like to "Fly-out" to a fun destination.

It's not too soon to put the Christmas party on your calendars, so write in December 2 for the VAA. Our Pot Luck in October will be at Marc and Royan Herman's, and we will be able to see all those horses come running in from pasture. Plus the beautiful Peacocks.

For this month, be sure to come to our meeting at Glendale College, where we will have a very interesting speaker.

SEPTEMBER 15 MEETING AT GLENDALE COLLEGE

Our speaker at the General Meeting will be Pat Wilks, President of Dyna-Cam Engines in Torrance. She will show a video, talk about this newly certified engine, and answer your questions. I have followed this engine for a long time and think it is the answer to the alternative power needed for our amateur built and conversions of certificated aircraft. One of our own, Mel Heflinger did some test flying of this engine in a Piper Arrow several years ago. Please mark the date and time (7:30p.m.). I am sure this will be a most informative meeting and we are fortunate to have Pat come and visit with us. For those of you that have forgotten the way to Glendale Community College, I am including a map.

"SWIMMING THE DUK" AT LAKE CASITAS

Those of you who have been to Santa Ynez definitely know about Dick and Kitty Alegre's DUK. How could you miss anything that big. Since many of us haven't had the opportunity to be aboard when Dick takes it out to the water during Wings and Wheels weekend, we are going to have our own weekend when we can all go along as Dick "Swims the DUK". This event will be October 7 and 8 at Lake Casitas Recreational Area, near Ventura. Everyone make your own reservations for the campsites, or just come for the day. Day fees are \$5.00, \$9.00 with a boat. This is a NO SWIMMING lake, so no boats under 11 feet long, 4 foot beam and 1 foot of freeboard are allowed. There are boat rentals including pontoon boats. I understand this is a great fishing lake. Fees are from \$12.00 to \$20.00 for overnight camping. Call 805/649-2233. We want Section H, I, or J. Section I has hookups. These are the closest to the Coyote Boat Ramp. While there is no water skiing allowed, the speed limit on the lake is 40 MPH. I know some of our members have their own boats, and might want to bring them. Doesn't this sound like Fun? (Connie Clark)

"FLY-OUT" WITH THE ANGELES ANTIQUERS

We would like to put some flying back into our club for those who are interested. This will be an extra activity - along with our regular schedule. The next trip the Angeles Antiquers will have is on October 21 and 22. They are having a camp-out at Lake Isabella. The campground is at the airport and right by the river. There is also a restaurant on the airport. I have no info on motels or cabins if you are not into camping, but the Chamber of Commerce could probably help you. You can also fly up for the day. The airport is located on the North end of the lake near Kernville, and is called the Kern Valley Airport. (At least on my old sectional here at home.) No reservations are necessary, just arrive and join the group. Several of our members are in both Clubs, so chances are you will know people going. (Connie Clark)

HAWTHORNE AIR FAIRE

Yes the F-18 Hornet did make it to Hawthorne, but landed earlier than expected so the arrival wasn't seen by many. However, the departure on Sunday made up for it. There were several spine-tingling fly-bys before it headed back to El Toro Marine Base. Also spine-tingling were the fly-bys of the B-2 Flying Wing Bomber. For those of you who remember the demise of Jack Northrop's original Flying Wing because of political reasons, the B-2 is an incredibly wonderful sight to behold. Fortunately, the decision to build the B-2 was made just before Jack Northrop passed on, and he was able to know about it. Jack's son, John Northrop and family were on hand at Hawthorne to see this fly-by.

Elmer Ward reports that the Victory Flight was even better this year as they flew over even more airports. They also stayed in formation over Hawthorne for our viewing, before we got to watch all the landings.

I'm sure to miss some of you, but other club members flying included Frank Compton Sr. and Jr. John Madison, Gene Gast, Dick Smith, and Mike Walsh. Ralph Baxter and Harry Haggart also flew in the formations. Other club members attended the Air Faire or had aircraft on display, Hal Loomis got his Bird Dog flying again just barely in time to participate.

Tom Quintana told me there were 31,000 people in attendance. John Colver helped to take over Leo's duties, and with all their helpers, did a great job. (Connie Clark)

FROM THE EDITOR

I also want to thank Ceci for the Pot Luck. Sure had a lot of people, and the food was excellent. I have said it in the past, and I say it again, these social functions are a vital part of the VAA. For those of you that have not been, please try to attend at least one or two a year. The calendar is printed in advance and you can mark the dates. In fact this goes for all the events and meetings.

I'm sure many of you read in a recent Time Magazine the history article "Winning the Right to Fly". For those that did not get a chance to read it,

this was a brief article reviewing the TV movie "The Tuskegee Airmen". The article said that this HBO special may help WWII's black fighter pilots get their due. I have long thought the Tuskegee Airmen did not get the credit they deserved at the time, neither did the Merchant Marine, the WASP's and many others. At any rate, the movie was quite good, and some of the combat footage was spectacular. I was glued to the TV for the entire movie. I hope you got a chance to see it.

Keith Smith turned me on to a great CD, "Daring to Fly, From Icarus to the Red Baron". If you have the capability to run a CD on your PC this one is really good. You can import and print some great stuff. Of course the bigger your machine, the better. Thanks Keith.

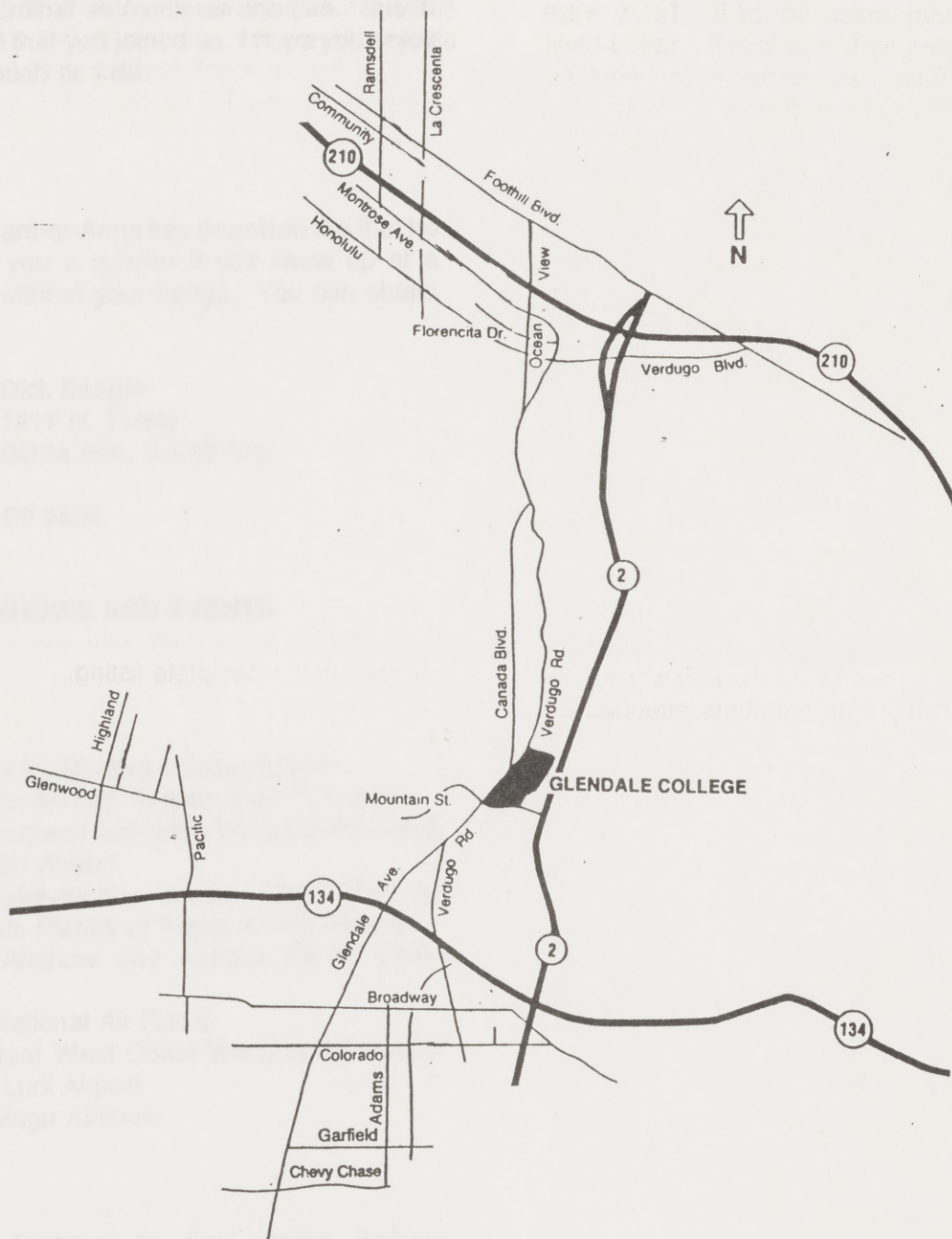
Speaking of CD's, for those of you that have aircraft and would like a print-out of the AD's on your aircraft, engine, and accessories, I have an AD CD and will gladly print them out for you at no charge. You of course assume all responsibility for compliance and accuracy. If you would like this send me a self addressed envelope, the make and type aircraft, type engine, and type accessories. I will send you a complete listing.

I am still soliciting articles, pictures, anything to include in the letter. I would like to see this a multi-page letter with lots of information in it. Scratch your heads and try to help me with material for inclusion.

There are still some of you dragging your feet on the dues. Please, please look at the label on your letter to see when your membership expires. The dues are \$10.00 per year.

COMING EVENTS

As Connie has mentioned in her message, our event for the month of October will be a Pot Luck at Mark and Royan Herman's. The time and date are not firm yet but will be in the next issue of the letter. This is a really great event, all of the horses coming in for feeding, and the animals. Please plan to attend.



NEW MEMBER

We have a new member, a friend of mine that I think quite highly of. Welcome Susan Theurkauf. Susan is a true aviator and flies her Cardinal as much as she can. Susan we are pleased that you joined us. I hope you enjoy the group as much as I do.

BADGES

The Sergeant-at-Arms has promised me that he will ding you a quarter if you show up at a meeting without your badge. You can obtain one by writing

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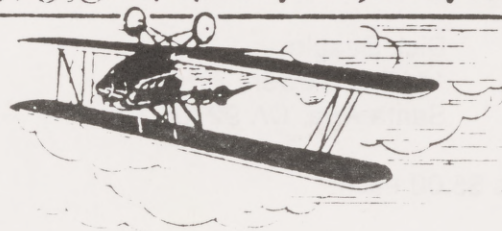
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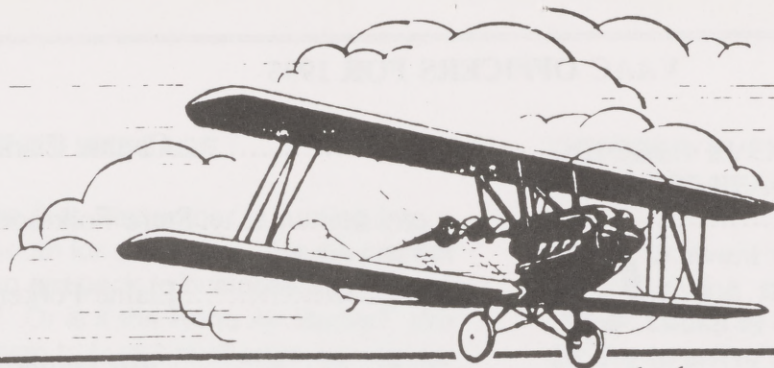
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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It seems that September is turning into a poor month for a meeting. Are we just not ready to get back to business after a long Summer? Or is it the Reno Air Races? We always seem to forget to change our regular meeting date so as not to be in conflict (with the Reno Races). Or perhaps it is just a good month to take vacations. Ed and I almost missed getting back in time ourselves. But we couldn't miss that meeting. Anyone looking for an engine for their airplane, or just interested in information on a brand new engine design, would have truly enjoyed this very informative meeting. Actually the idea for the Dyna-Cam engine has been around for awhile, but with all the refinements that the company has been working on, it hasn't quite made it to production as yet. They have, however had a Dyna-Cam engine installed in a Piper Arrow for flight tests which were most impressive. One of the great things about the engine is the fact that there are far fewer parts involved than in a conventional piston engine, and therefore maintenance costs would be so much less. Dyna-Cam is located at Torrance Airport, and for further information, give them a call at 310/791-4642.

Hopefully you have put the Christmas party on your calendar - which is December 2nd. This year we are also asking everyone to bring a small gift for a gift exchange. And we will have a fun time opening them. We have gone this way because of a lack of volunteers to buy door prizes. Remember, no band this year, so we will be able to hear each other talk.

Our Pot Luck this month is at Marc and Royan Herman's Peacock Hill Ranch. If you can, arrive early enough to see the horses come in, it is quite exciting. But if that is too early - come when you can. Be sure to give Royan a call. See you there.

OCTOBER EVENT TO BE HELD AT THE HERMAN'S PEACOCK HILL RANCH

Our event for the month of October is one of those memorable Pot Lucks at the Herman's on October 28 Try to arrive no later than 4:30. That is when the horses come in from pasture. If you were there last year you know what a show it is. If you missed it - - try and make it this year. Plus there are all of those beautiful peacocks to admire. Give Royan a call and let her know what you will be bringing, her number is 818/353-3467. This is always a fun get-together. Dress is casual and be sure to bring a jacket. The address is: 10330 McBroom, Shadow Hills. A map is enclosed.

1995 OSHKOSH CONVENTION

Gabrielle Bresnik and Dorothy Bellina decided to make it to Oshkosh for the EAA event. We flew to Chicago and headed to Hammond, Indiana where Dorothy's mother lives. On July 25th we headed north. We arrived in Oshkosh and shortly were settled in our room at the University of Wisconsin, we drove to the Air Museum where we met Michelle Kunes. Michele is in charge of the Young Eagles program. We were assigned to work at the Museum and were given our schedule for the week. We met the Director of the Museum and went to see the Amelia Earhart display with photographs made by my late husband, Albert Bresnick. There were three large photos very well arranged and a center photo of Albert. It is next to the beautiful display of the Voyager and a tribute to Jeana Yeager and Dick Rutan.

We took the bus for the Convention grounds and luck will have it we heard on the loudspeakers that a contingent of 154 Beech Bonanza's were leaving Rockford, Illinois for arrival in Oshkosh. They were stretched out for 30 miles in the sky. We found a great spot under the wing of a large aircraft and

we were thrilled to see them land three at a time on the runways. There were Vee tails and straight tails, and it was a sight to see. They have their own area and camp together for the Convention. All week new surprises met us whenever we found time to roam around the enormous grounds. Every aircraft is represented there in multiple. There are seminars, lectures and shows going on all the time.

This year was the 25th year The Eagles Aerobatic Team performed, and it is the last year they will be performing together, as Tom Poberezny is retiring from the team. He has performed with Gene Soucy and Charlie Hillard. The longest of any team being together for consecutive years.

So many of the Greats in Aviation were there either performing or being honored, like Chuck Yeager who received the Freedom of Flight Award. Chuck also found time to volunteer for The Young Eagles program. Astronaut "Hoot Gibson" was seen at the Theater in the Woods, as well as many others. I had the delight to speak to Cliff Robertson, who knew Albert for a long time.

The highlight of the Saturday Air Show was a spectacle I will never forget as the sky filled up with formations of Warbirds coming from all directions at the same time. Dave Price, who is with the Santa Monica Museum of Flight, was among those flying proudly for the thousands to see. What a Tribute and Salute to World War II Veterans. They were all there with "Fifi", the newly restored B-17G "Yankee Lady", T-6's, Harvards, SNJ's, Mustangs, etc, etc. If you ever have the desire to go to Oshkosh do not pass up the chance. It is my 4th year and God willing I would like to be there next year. (The girls on the road . . Gabrielle and Dorothy)

October 9, 1930 Laura Ingalls became the first women to fly across the United States from Roosevelt Field, N.Y. to Glendale, CA.

HELP REQUESTED

Please give Connie Clark a call if you would like to continue having the Van transportation at Santa Ynez during Wings and Wheels. Since we have not found anyone using it, we are wondering if it is worth the added cost. So let Connie know if you have taken advantage of this service and would like to see it continue. Also, let her know if they charged you anything for the ride. Her number is 310/835-2562. Leave a message if she is not home. Thank you for your cooperation.

FROM THE EDITOR

Connie has mentioned our event for the month. The Pot Luck at the Herman's is really one that you don't want to miss (you shouldn't miss any). The horses coming in for dinner, the Peacocks and the other assorted animals really add to the air of an evening well spent. Those of you that have attended know that I speak the truth.

I hope that of you at the September meeting enjoyed the Dyna-Cam engine folks as much as I did. It is heartening to know that there are people working on a better engine for aircraft. When we think of the engines of today, they are little changed from those of the teens except for better materials. At any rate, they are trying to come up with an alternative.

I have had the great fortune this month to spend several hours with Danny Shapira. Danny Shapira was one of the first four original Israeli pilots that flew the Spitfires from Czechoslovakia to Israel. He later was a top commander in the Israeli Air Force and for forty years was the chief test pilot for Israel Aircraft Industries. He was visiting with a friend of mine while he was here to receive a Test Pilot Award. He has promised that if he is here while one of our meetings is scheduled, he will gladly talk to us about his experiences. I tell you, he is a person that you enjoy and love from the minute you meet him. I know my life is richer from meeting and talking with a true hero and good person. I hope we can all be fortunate enough to have him spend an evening with us.

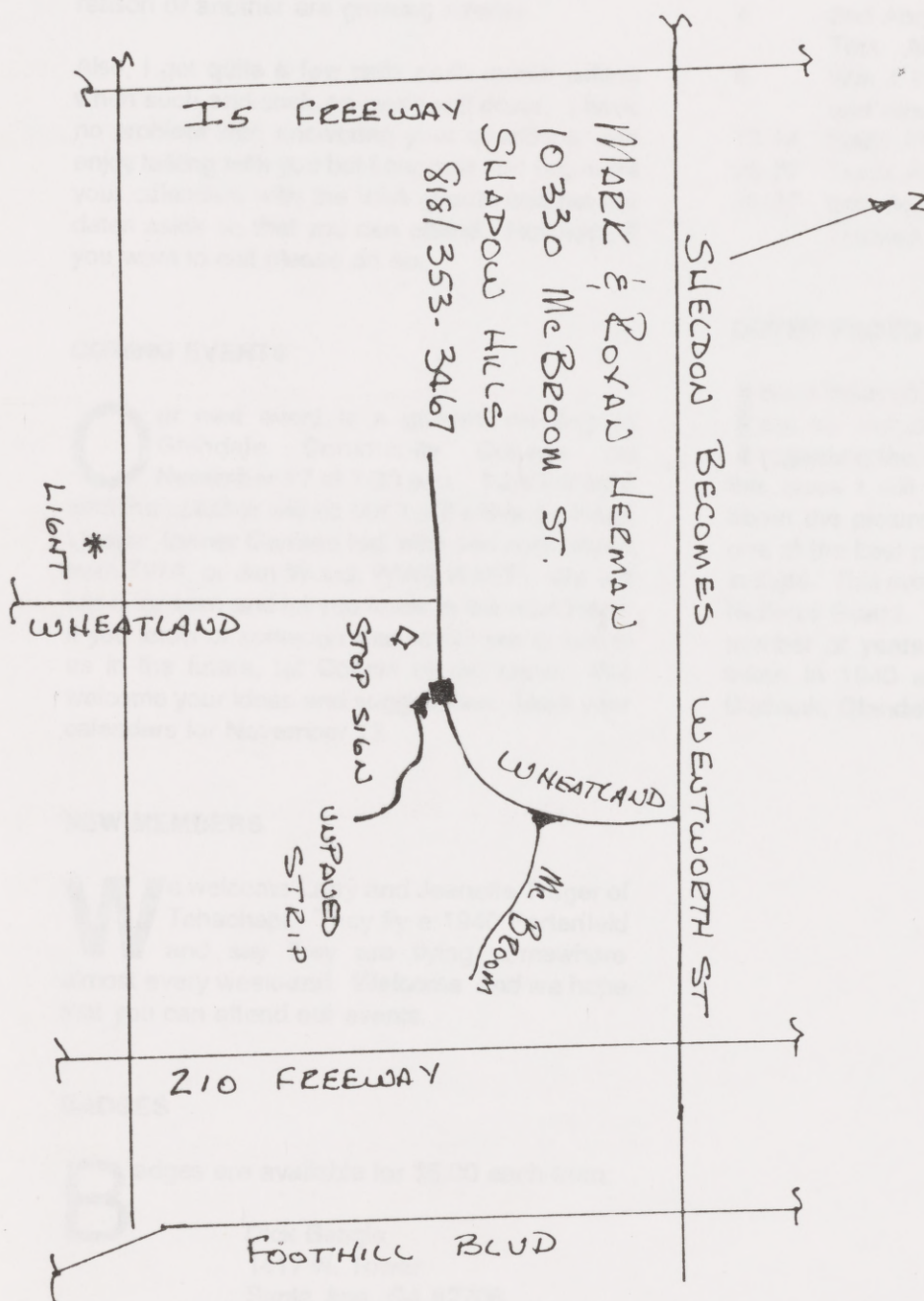
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Also, I get quite a few calls each month asking when such and such an event will occur. I have no problem with answering your questions, and enjoy talking with you but I suggest that you mark your calendars with the VAA events and set the dates aside so that you can attend. However, if you want to call please do so.

COMING EVENTS

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NEW MEMBERS

We welcome Larry and Jeanette Trager of Tehachapi. They fly a 1940 Porterfield and say they are flying somewhere almost every week-end. Welcome and we hope that you can attend our events.

BADGES

Badges are available for \$5.00 each from:

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SHOWS AND EVENTS

OCTOBER

21-22 Torrance Air Fair, Torrance Airport
28-29 Borrego Valley Airport, Experimental Fly-In

NOVEMBER

4 2nd Annual Warbird Fly-in for Toys for Tots. AirFlite, Long Beach Airport
5 Wm J. Fox Airport Appreciation Day and Airshow, Lancaster
13-14 Nellis AFB, Las Vegas
26-27 Travis AFB Air Expo, Fairfield
26-27 24th Annual Truckee-Tahoe Air Show, Truckee

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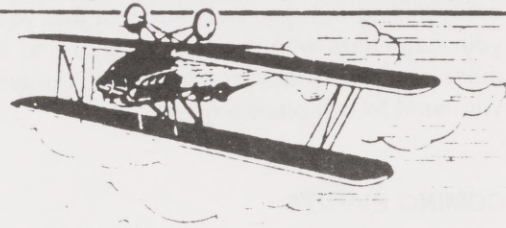
I have been chastised in the past (and rightfully so) for not putting information in the letter regarding the cover pictures. So starting with this issue I will give credits, and a little blurb about the pictures. This is from my collection, one of the best pictures I have seen of the O-38 in flight. This probably belonged to the California National Guard. I know that they flew them for a number of years. At any rate this picture was taken in 1940 and it appears to be over the Burbank, Glendale area.

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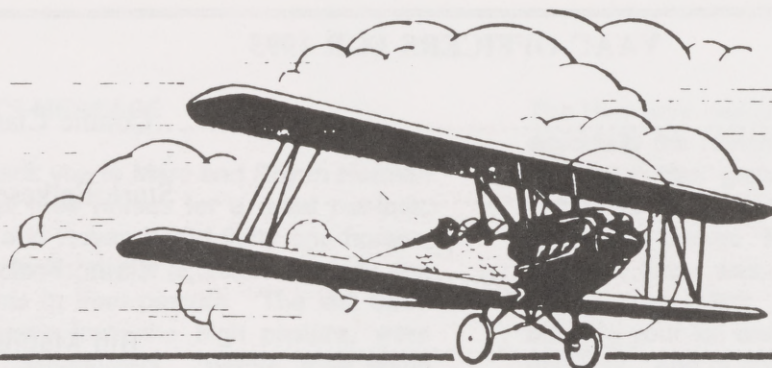
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POT LUCK AT THE HERMAN'S

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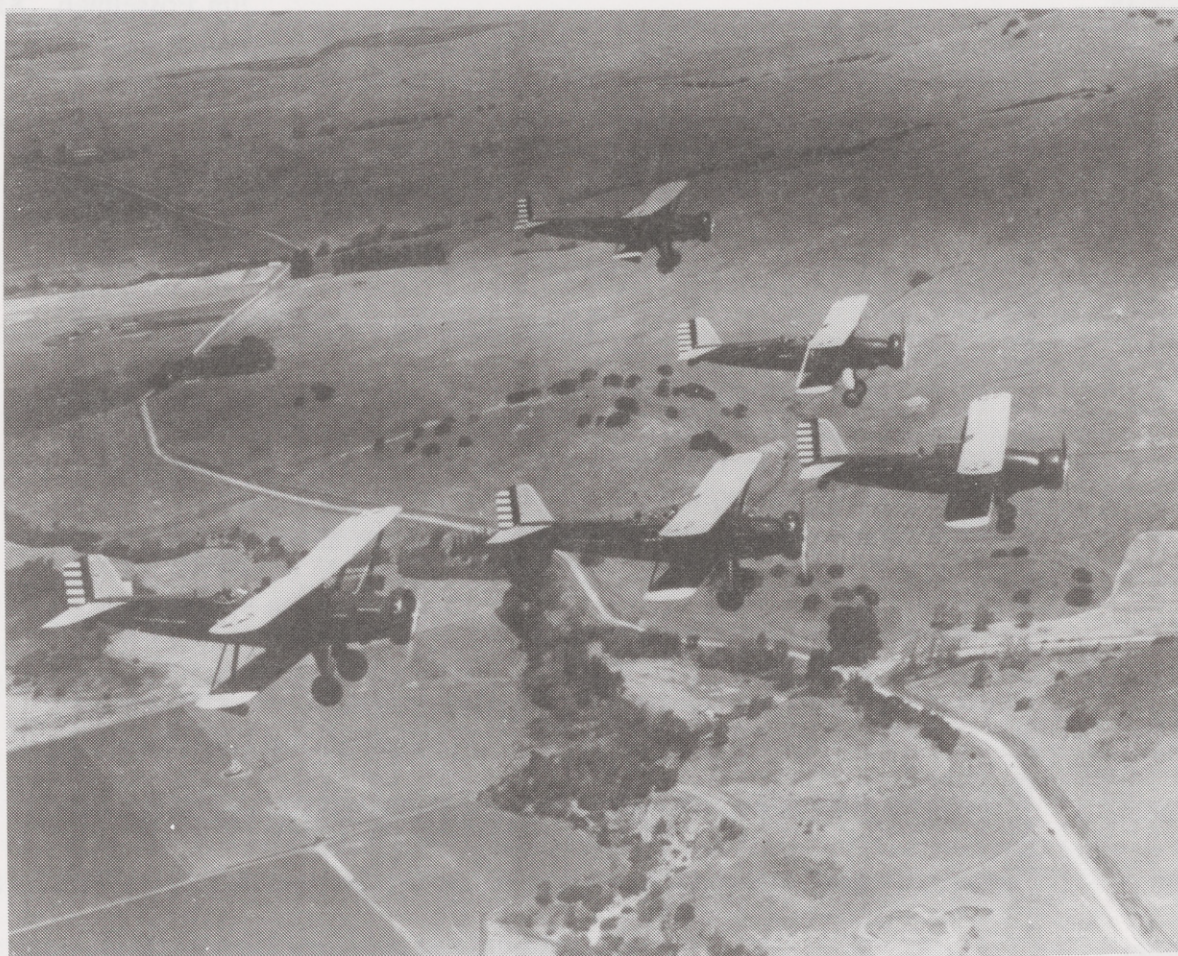
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1995 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January	General Meeting at Glendale College, January 20, 7:30 p.m.
February	Buffet at the San Pedro Elk's Club, February 26, 5:30 p.m.
March	General Meeting at Glendale College, March 17, 7:30 p.m.
April	Pot Luck at the Armstrong's, April 30, 4:00 p.m.
May	General Meeting at Glendale College, May 19, 7:30 p.m.
June	Pot Luck at the Fosselman's, June 25, 5:00 p.m.
July	"Wings and Wheels", Santa Ynez, July 14,15,16
August	Pot Luck at Ceci Stratford's, August 13, 4:00 p.m.
September	General Meeting at Glendale College, September 15, 7:30 p.m.
October	Pot Luck at the Herman's, October 28, 4:30 p.m.
November	General Meeting at Glendale College, November 17, 7:30 p.m.
December	Christmas Party, December 2, 6:00 p.m. Proud Bird

PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

A big thank you to Marc and Royan Herman and all their horses for a great pot-luck. Marc and Royan board thirty one horses, four of them theirs, and it is quite a show to see them all come in from pasture. The last three horses to arrive from the high pasture, were moving like gangbusters. Before they could come in, the dogs had to be safely corralled - Chuckie, Rip and Dead Dog. Dead Dog? He was quite alive and active, so we had to find out the why of the name. It seems that he was abandoned at Whiteman Airport in quite sad shape and would lie in the middle of the runway. They said he would soon be dead doing that.

The Herman's had great Halloween decorations, especially the hanging monster with feet of Ivy. The food was great, and so was the desert thanks to Jim and Kay Fosselman with their special ice cream. The Pumpkin flavor was delicious. And so was your Cheesecake, Marc. We really appreciate you bringing your ice cream to all these events, Jim and Kay. And of course the important part was getting together with good friends. So good to see all of you.

November is elections of officers month, so be sure to come so we don't elect you to an office in your absence. Plus we have a very interesting speaker planned. Lets have a good turn-out for her. See you there.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

Where: Proud Bird Restaurant

When: Saturday December 2

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Christmas is coming: This is the only announcement on the Christmas Party you will receive, as it is going to happen before the next Newsletter comes out. So mail in your reservations to Bill Mallory, we need to know how many are coming by November 28. The dinner is \$22.00 per person. I'll expect to see all you South Bay members, as this is in our area.

We have had a good suggestion for our gift exchange this year - we are asking each person to bring a food gift with a \$5.00 minimum. And please wrap your gift so we can have fun in the exchange.

Let's get the reservations in. Don't miss this one. Bill's address is 410 E. Fairview #4, Glendale, CA 91207

JAN WOOD TO BE SPEAKER AT THE NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

Our speaker this month at the general meeting on November 17 will be former WWII WASP, Jan Wood. Jan was an early WASP pilot that had an exciting albeit too short career flying for the Army. She is an active pilot, and member of the Ninety-Nines. She owns a Cessna 170 which she flew around the world in 1956-57. She still flies this aircraft on a regular basis and this summer flew it to Oshkosh where she and other WASP's were honored. I am fortunate to know Jan, and tell you she is really a remarkable and wonderful lady. Please plan to come to the general meeting and share time with her. Don't forget, November 17, 7:30 p.m. at Glendale College.

CECI STRATFORD AND THE CAF AIRSHOW AT MIDLAND, TEXAS

Ceci (make that Colonel) Ceci Stratford attended the CAF Airshow 95 in Midland, Texas and she wrote a day-by-day account. She gave me permission to edit her letter to fit our needs, so Ceci I hope this does your writing justice.

This was my first time to Midland, to CAF HQ, to Airshow, four full days of fun, adventure, exhilaration, hard work, camaraderie, shopping, ogling, meeting, visiting, eating, drinking, partying and dancing, oohing, and aahing, hugging, flying, laughing, crying, and lots, lots more. I was so charged up when I got home I had to share my experiences, hence this article.

I arrived on Friday, September 29 and I was whisked off to CAF HQ and the General Membership Meeting. As a new Col. I (and gobs of other new ones) was "sworn in". I was saddened to learn of the loss of the CAF B-26 and five people earlier that morning. But the show would go on. All flags were at half mast.

Saturday - early start to airport where I reported for duty with the "water wagon" gang. We rode/drove golf carts all over the grounds delivering water and Powerade and sandwiches to workers, pilots, and crew. This was the best way to see the displays and air show, and most of all, to meet other Cols. I soon found out I could charge a hug for a sandwich and met even

more folk. Saturday night - party with great 40's music. I met some of the WASP who just dedicated their memorial. (How these ladies inspire me!).

Sunday I shirked my duty with the "water wagon" and attended the Pilots Briefing. I visited the CAF Museum and Gift Shop. The Museum provides a tour through WWII with photos, memorabilia, films, exhibits and documentaries. In the afternoon I again was on the "water wagon". Driving around, we watched the WWII re-enactment -- a noisy, impressive flying display of various battles of WWII complete with bombs, detonated by the CAF "Blastards". The most emotional moment for me was the missing man formation: three B-17's and a B-29 with Taps playing. The entire airport became quiet, tears streamed down my face as I thought of Mal. I looked around and others were discreetly wiping their eyes, too.

Sunday evening - "Survivors Party" for those of us who survived the Airshow. Cols. Started gathering about 5 p.m. to share their stories of the weekend. Pilots gesturing and gesticulating, demonstrating their flying skills; General Staff politicking; new and old friends laughing and smiling. Then a call to arms! Ten thousand chairs had to be loaded on two trucks. A free drink to all who would help. The club emptied quickly and in 15 minutes the chairs were loaded.

The Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce treated us to a Mexican dinner of taquitos, tacos, gaucamole, nachos, and salsa. Coors provided FREE beer. A Country Western Band entertained us. "Blastards" found all the girls who didn't have their patch and promptly planted one on their fanny.

After much discussion about who would drive what van, where and when, we started out the door to return to the hotel. We lost half of my group outside, only to discover they were inside looking for us. Then we couldn't find the van. We usurped two golf carts and drove around in circles several times trying to find the gate and the parking lot where the van was. Then someone had to return the golf carts, followed by the van to pick them up. Whew! The Keystone Cops finally made it home.

Monday the show was over. The Camarillo Bearcat took part in the fly-by for the memorial service (for the crew of the B-26). We visited the Doolittle Memorial Garden - a beautifully

designed and landscaped area with memorial plaques and benches interspersed among the trees and flowering plants. We saw our Wing's bench, admired the newly dedicated WASP statue and thoughtfully read a poem in bronze dedicated to a Col. Recently Gone West. What a perfect way to perpetuate the CAF's goals and memorialize those who participated in the Big War.

This was a significant way for me to say goodbye to Airshow 95. I realized how important the CAF is, maintaining and preserving this part of history. Each of us has a responsibility to participate in this role and to educate others, for soon the heroes of WWII will be gone. We MUST preserve their memory.

SEA BIRD LANDS ON WATER

Channing Clark has landed his beautiful Fleetwings Sea Bird in Salt Water. Now you know there must have been a special reason for doing that, and there was. Although Channing tells us that the Sea Bird is only in the background, it will be in a Paramount movie called "Phantom". The location is in LA Harbor. Channing landed in the outer harbor and was towed by inflatables to the filming area. The movie is still being filmed, so we don't know when it will be out, but it would be fun to see the Sea Bird in it. (Connie Clark)

JOHN UNDERWOOD RESPONDS

It is always nice to hear from John Underwood. John tells me in a note regarding the Ingalls item in the October issue that Amelia Earhart was the first female to make a transcontinental flight. This was in September 1958, from Rye N.Y. to Glendale in an Avro Avian. As I recall this was not a flight for a record. Is this correct John? John goes on to say that he used to run his dogs past the Ingalls house on Country Club Drive. John, thank you so much for taking time from your busy schedule to respond to the item. When can we count on you to give us some personal, first-hand information regarding early aviation in the Los Angeles area?

COMING EVENTS

It seems silly for me to put this in, but please don't forget to mark your calendars for the Christmas Party. I don't know how you could miss the blocked item on the first page. I look forward to seeing you there. It's always a great evening. Make your reservations.

FROM THE EDITOR

I am happy to say that the membership renewals are starting to come in already. In fact, I have received some from those of you that we had thought had dropped out. Please remember, \$10.00 per couple per year, the best deal going.

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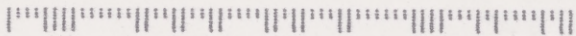
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DECEMBER

2 Grumman F3F-2 "Flying Barrel", The Air Museum, Planes of Fame, Chino

COVER PHOTO

I don't want to run the O-38 into the ground but I had this picture along with the one I ran last month. This was taken over San Louis Obispo in 1932. The aircraft more than likely were from the 115th (?) of the California National Guard.



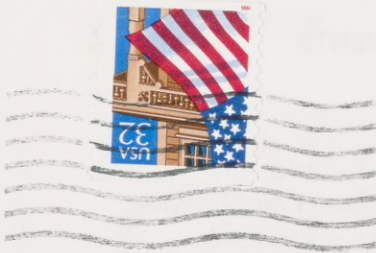
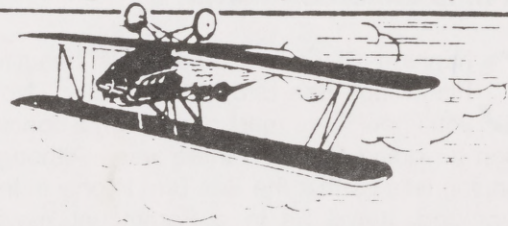
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